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Edgar Prescott Papers

BIOGRAPHY

Edgar Prescott was born on October 25, 1908 in Kimball, Nebraska. Having received degrees from the Colorado State College of Education, Prescott taught high school English and history in Colorado for 10 years before moving to Yelm, Washington in 1944.

After teaching in Yelm for 25 years, Prescott retired and moved to Panorama City in Lacey in 1971. In his retirement, Prescott wrote poetry, short stories, and articles for magazines and local newspapers. In 1984, Prescott wrote stories for *The Olympian* in a column called "The Guest Room." In addition to four volumes of poetry, Prescott published works on the Wilcox Family of Roy, Washington and several articles on Yelm history. He died in 1990.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of Edgar Prescott include awards and honors, correspondence, manuscripts, newspaper clippings, poems, publications, and short stories that cover the years 1969 to 1990.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1969 to 1990

RESTRICTIONS: None

VOLUME: 1 linear foot

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FILE LISTING

BOX 1: Awards and Honors, Correspondence, Manuscripts, Misc., and Newspaper Clippings.

1. Awards and Honors: 1969-80.
2. Correspondence: 1977-1985. (Thank you from White House staff for donation of book to President Carter, threat of legal action for libel from daughters of man whom Edgar parodied in a story)

3. Manuscript: Autobiography of Edgar Prescott. Part I, pages 1-143.
4. Manuscript: Autobiography of Edgar Prescott. Part II, pages 144-280.
5. Manuscript: Autobiography of Edgar Prescott. Part III, pages 281-430.
6. Manuscript: Autobiography of Edgar Prescott. Part IV, pages 431-564.
7. Manuscript: Autobiography of Edgar Prescott. Part V, pages 565-620.
8. Manuscript: Total the Dusty Days. Part I, Chapters 1-7. (Fictional work)
9. Manuscript: Total the Dusty Days. Part II, Chapters 8-11.
10. Manuscript: Yelm: The Story of a Prairie Town. Edgar Prescott.
11. Misc.
12. Newspaper Clippings: Articles and Reviews About Prescott and His Work. 1976-81
13. Newspaper Clippings: Local and Family History Articles. "Yelm Church: A Focal Point In A Tightly-Knit Community," "History of Wilcox Farms Near Roy," "Wilcox Farms: 3 Generation Project." The Olympian and Tacoma News Tribune, 1970-80
14. Newspaper Clippings: Misc. Articles and Short Stories. 1969-73.
15. Newspaper Clippings: Poems Published by Prescott. 1969-83.
16. Newspaper Clippings: Prescott's Column "Guest Room" in The Olympian. 1984

BOX 2: Obituary Materials, Poems, Publications, and Short Stories.

1. Obituary Materials. 1990 (Newspaper clipping, funeral program, book of poems by Alice Prescott dedicated to Edgar)
2. Poems.
3. Publications: *Fiction Country Style, An Original Collection By Rural Writers*. Undated. Short story "The Report"
4. Publications: *Home Life: A Christian Family Magazine*. March 1970. Short story "Both Hands Are On Twelve."
5. Publications: *Judson's Family: A Record of the Wilcoxes*. Edgar Prescott.
6. Publications: *The Last Crumbs*. (autographed copy) 1978. Edgar Prescott.
7. Publications: *Medicine Jug: The Alternate Media*. Volume 1, no. 2, 3. January and March 1973. Poems "Perhaps It Was The Cars" and "Last Flight"
8. Publications: *Poetry Northwest*. Volume 16, no. 3. 1975. Poem "Lazy Lorny Will Get You."
9. Publications: *Scholastic Newstime*. Volume 13, no. 13, 14. May 17 and 10, 1971. Short story "For Love of Jumbo" Part I and II.
10. Publications: *Western Dairy Journal*. March 1971. Article "Genetic Bank Makes Cents At Wilcox Dairy."
11. Short Stories: "A Matter of Taste," "When the Swallows Come," "Charley Will Come," "The Year the Permanent Wild's Came," "Years At Waverly High," "A Summer At the Craggs," "The Gypsy Rover," "Ruby Is Coming," "Christmas," "Those Good Depression Days."

12. Short Stories: "That Old Time Discipline," "Circe," "A Flier In Fur," "Tiffany," "Dust Storm," "Dusky," "Bobby," "The Hate," "Y-e-a-a-a-h Fatso."
13. Short Stories: "Troop C," "Dad's Well," "Nevermore," "Jumbo," "Rover," "About Spanking Kids," "A Saga of a Six-gun."
14. Short Stories: "Come Out and Play, Grandpa," "Door To Tomorrow," "Since Tiffany," "Death, Be Neat," "Any Hurt Thing."
15. Short Stories: "Love, Fire, and Ice," "Jim Grooms and Seven Gables," "Cupid Strikes Again," "Graduation," and an untitled story.
16. Short Stories: Leprechaun Stories. "Leprechauns Are For Real, Man," "We Have a Leprechaun," "Leprechaun On the Loose."
17. Short Stories: Misc. Stories by Edgar and Alice Prescott. "No Mark On the Gate," "Answer In the Fog," "A Summer Passes," "Saturday Child," "Tomorrow Is Soon Enough," "The Second Twin."